MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Is there a cent. per cent. concession?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Is there any means of ascertaining the energy consumed by the Municipality?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, we have got the meter.

Customs Receipts.

154. ❋**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the customs receipts at the Customs House at Kundaur and the Railway Customs House at Shencotta for the years 1107 and 1108 and for the first half year of 1109?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*):

	1107.			1108.			First half of 1109.		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.
Customs receipts at the Gundar Customs House	18,839	3	4	20,364	10	10	11,045	26	4
Customs receipts at the Shencotta Railway Customs House	15,821	19	11	11,951	27	15	7,456	8	14

Export duty on cardamom.

155. ❋**MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they intend levying an export duty on cardamom in the near future:

(*b*) whether they have received any representations from the cardamom planters regarding the imposition of an export duty on cardamom and

(*c*) whether they have taken any action on such representations?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The proposal to levy export duty on cardamom has been held in abeyance.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member the average annual income derived from this if it is levied?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will depend upon the percentage of the duty that is levied on cardamom.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the rate of export duty proposed to be levied ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The whole question is under consideration. I do not think I can say more than that.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the member the amount of cardamom that was exported in the year 1107 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is given in the Statistics of Travancore for the year 1108.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know the quantity now ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the figure with me now.

PRESIDENT : It is to be found in the Government publication.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : I wish to know whether the member is in a position to give the exact quantity now.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir, I have not got that publication with me at present.

PRESIDENT : The difficulty is that both the Honourable members have not got that Government publication with them at present.

MR G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member the number of chowkeys that has to be created ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : 3 or 4 chowkeys have to be established.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of passes through which the people can get into the British territory ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe there are a number of them.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) . I did not hear the answer.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are a number of passes. I cannot give the exact number.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Should not these be guarded ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, certainly.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member whether, if chowkeys are under the charge of the Division Officers, they will be properly guarded ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I don't follow the question.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member the number of cardamom cultivators ?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe there are more than 3,000 *pattadars* who cultivate cardamom.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know the least extent of land possessed by a *pattadar*?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It may be only a few acres. I cannot give the exact figure.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know whether the imposition of export duty will be a source of trouble to the cultivators?

PRESIDENT: It is a question of opinion.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know from the member whether Government have expected Rs. 60,000 under export duty on cardamom without fixing the percentage that should be levied?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of levying an export duty is under the consideration of Government. The question whether it should be in the form of an export duty or in some other form has not been decided.

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

156. ❋ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken upon the passing of the Resolutions to abolish the export duty on cocoanut produce?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether export duty is levied for cocoanut products in other cocoanut producing countries?

PRESIDENT: I think that question was asked and answers were given so very often.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member how long this question was under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Since the Resolution was passed in this House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member the period for which it has been under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It has been under the consideration of the Government since the Resolution was passed in this House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether the Government began thinking of it only after the Resolution was passed in this House?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot exactly say when it came to be under the consideration of Government.

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